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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1, 12, 17, 23 and 27 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 3, 4, 13-16, 18-20, 22, and 24-26 are amended.

Listing of Claims:

1-2 (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The organic EL element according to claim 1, An organic electroluminescence (EL) element comprising:

a glass substrate having a luminescent device on an inner surface;

a drying layer adhered to a rim of the inner surface of the glass substrate without contact with the luminescent device, wherein the drying layer includes UV-curing resin;

a sealing layer formed on the rim of the inner surface of the glass substrate and surrounding the drying layer; and

a sealing case bonded to the rim of the glass substrate to form an airtight space.

4. (Currently Amended) The organic EL element according to claim 4, wherein the drying layer includes a composite material which is inorganic material or organic material.

5. (Previously Presented) The organic EL element according to claim 4, wherein the composite material comprises silicon, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO or SiO<sub>2</sub>.